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1. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REFTEL C CONTAINS MY SUGGESTED REVISED
TEXT OF DRAFT STATEMENT OF U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE
PHILIPPINES. MY CHANGES ARE BASED ON THESE CONSIDERATIONS:

A. IN PART I, I SUGGEST SUBSTITUTING QUOTE UNDERSTANDING UNQUOTE
FOR QUOTE STABILITY UNQUOTE. WE COULD, PERHAPS, HAVE GREATER
STABILITY IN OUR RELATIONSHIP BY ACCEPTING MORE FULLY
PHILIPPINE ATTITUDES, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE MARCOS REGIME.
THAT IS NOT WHAT WE WANT. WE DO WANT THE KIND OF CONTINUING
DIALOGUE WHICH WILL REDUCE MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND IMPROVE OUR
RESPECTIVE PERCEPTIONS OF EACH OTHER.

B. IN REFERRING TO PHILIPPINE RELATIONS WITHIN THE
REGION, WE SUGGEST USING QUOTE SUPPORT UNQUOTE RATHER THAN
QUOTE ENCOURAGE UNQUOTE. WE BELIEVE THESE ARE AREAS OF
PHILIPPINE POLICY IN WHICH WE SHOULD PLAY A SUPPORTING,
RATHER THAN A LEADING ROLE.

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C. THE SECTION ON SECURITY RELATED ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN
EXPANDED TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO OTHER FORMS OF AID WHICH
MIGHT ULTIMATELY BE INCORPORATED IN BASE-RELATED AGREEMENT.

D. SECTION III HAS BEEN REWRITTEN TO SUGGEST WIDER FORMS
OF ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS, INCLUDING INVESTMENT, AS WELL
AS BROADER GOALS FOR OUR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. REFERENCE

IS ADDED TO CIVIL AVIATION WHICH REMAINS A THORNY
PROBLEM. THE REWRITE ALSO SEEKS A MORE REALISTIC FORMULATION
OF THE GOAL OF AN ECONOMIC AGREEMENT.

E. IN SECTION IV ON HUMAN RIGHTS, REFERENCE IS ADDED TO
GIVING CREDIT WHERE IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE, AN IMPORTANT
ELEMENT IF WE ARE TO MAINTAIN AN EFFECTIVE DIALOGUE ON THIS
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